



DECEMBER 2013/ JANUARY 2014

Quality Assurance for a Quality Life: An Admiral's View

Story and photos by
MC2 Jeff Richardson,
Souda Bay Public Affairs

Rear Admiral John C. Scorby, Jr., Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia, visited U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Crete, to look at the morale programs offered to military personnel, January 23-24, 2014.

A regional commander has many jobs and one of them is ensuring the success of a mission. Scorby's remarks on the value good quality of life can bring, "It's important to me, it's important to the Navy to do everything we can to ensure our Sailors are getting the quality of life, which is great for morale, which obviously translates into mission success."

With something as critical as mission success riding on the shoulders of Sailors' morale, NSA Souda Bay's search to improve life for its personnel will continue.

"We're always looking for opportunities to increase the quality of life for our Sailors," Scorby said, "I have had the opportunity here to tour this morning and there are cer-



LCDR Greg Woods, Public Works Officer, and Mr. Bob Woodruff, MWR Director, brief RDML Scorby, center, on the progress of the new "Shipmates" renovation project.

tainly some great initiatives going on; building the new "Shipmates" renovation project (A new Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility where Service Members can purchase food and beverages in a relaxing atmosphere) and as I have traveled throughout, obviously some of the other facilities have been revamped and will continue as fiscal constraints allow to do everything to support our Sailors quality of life."

As the adage goes, a happy worker is a hard worker. Scorby

reinterprets the saying, applying it to the Navy. "Taking care of our people, our most important asset, is critical and that translates into a happy Sailor whose going to be more productive," Scorby stresses its importance saying, "It is incumbent upon us to offer the best services we can within our fiscal constraints and I have no doubt that here at Souda Bay they're doing just that."

With over 30 years as a commissioned naval officer, Scorby has been to many military installations; however, NSA Souda Bay stands out among the rest.

"Think about the amount of people who are assigned here, yet the amount of people they support. When it is all said and done there's about 1,100 people, with a mix of one third, one third military, civilians and host nationals, yet they're supporting a population that transits through here either via the piers, down at the port or through the air field of about 120,000. So, that is a very limited number of people supporting that number of folks and they are doing an absolutely tremendous job."

Quote of the Month

"I have spread the mantle of my nation over the ocean, and will guard her forever. I am her heritage, and yours. I am the American Sailor."

~ Anon

Inside this issue:

CNREAFSWA Visit	1
Fleet/ Flightline Activity	2
Spotlight: T-Line	3
Petty Officer Indoc	4
VIP/ Noteworthy Events	5
Noteworthy Events	6-7
Dec Awards Quarters	8
Jan Awards Quarters	9
Welcome Aboard	10
2013 Holiday Party	11
Harlem Globetrotters	12-13
MWR Happenings	14

Produced by NSA Souda Bay
Public Affairs



SERVING THE FLEET / FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

On any given day, at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 1000 professional Sailors, Airmen and Civilians are working together to perform our mission: To extend Joint and Fleet war fighting capability through operational support to U.S., Allied and Coalition Forces deployed within the EUCOM/CENTCOM/AFRICOM AOR by providing, operating and sustaining superior facilities and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel. The imagery on these pages provides a glimpse of the recent activity both on the airfield and at the nearby Marathi NATO pier facility.



(Dec. 7, 2013) USS Monterey (CG 61), a guided missile cruiser, arrives at the Marathi NATO pier complex for a scheduled port visit.



(Jan. 7, 2014) USS Ramage (DDG 61), a guided missile destroyer, arrives at Marathi NATO pier complex for a scheduled port visit.



(Dec. 20, 2013) T-Line personnel escort a C-141 aircraft off of the runway and onto the flight line upon arrival to NSA Souda Bay.



(Dec. 23, 2013) A U.S. Marine Corps KC-130 air refueler is captured between the rotors of a Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey during takeoff.



(Dec. 20, 2013) A U.S. Marine Corps KC-130 air refueler taxis toward the flight line for takeoff.



(Dec 10, 2013) A busy day on the Souda Bay flight line displays our mission readiness.

In the Spotlight

Ops T-Line Crew - the Heartbeat of the Flight line



Operations T-Line, kneeling, left - right: ABH2 Bao Vu, ABHAN Jessie Authment, ABH2 Jacquelyn Booker, and ABH3 Maria Vela (Reservist). Standing, left - right: ABHC Harold Rodriquez, ABH2 Justin Clonan, ABH2 Landon Jamison, ABH3 Juan Gonzalez, ABH3 Luis Calle, ABH1 Jason Osbeck and AMC Daniel Pritchett.

Story by:
Peggy Bebb, NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

Operation department's T-Line Aviation Boatswains Mates (Handling) (ABH) and (Equipment) (ABE) truly are the heartbeat of Naval Support Activity Souda Bay's airfield. As aircraft directors and equipment maintainers, T-line personnel work around the clock



to keep the airfield operational with the arrival and departure of aircraft and arresting gear upkeep. As aircraft directors, the T-line personnel support Souda Bay's mission by "ensuring all aircraft that come into NSA arrive, are positioned and depart in a safe and timely manner" according to ABH2 Justin Clonan, T-Line's safety, training and supply petty officer. Petty Officer Clonan went on to state

that the T-Line department also maintains the emergency E-28 arresting gear located on the flight line as well as supplies all aircraft with support equipment as needed.

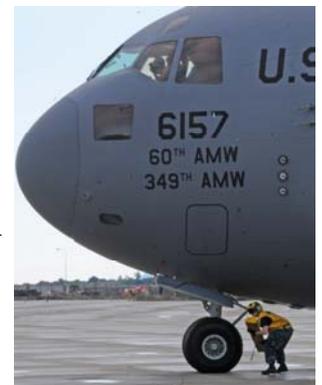


Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, greets ABH2 Dawayne Thomas, ABHAA Kimberly Melendez and ABH2 Bao Vu upon arrival at NSA Souda Bay on 14 November.

In order to support the fleet, transient aircraft and deployed units, T-Line personnel are on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no matter the weather conditions, which is one of the downsides of the job, according to ABH3 Luis Calle.

On a more positive note, the upside to working the T-Line is being some of the first in line meeting "distinguished visitors when they arrive" according to ABHAR Kimberly Melendez. The perfect opportunity arose in early December when the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff brought his USO Holiday Tour to Souda Bay. Assigned T-Line personnel got to "meet them all when they arrived and departed" noted ABH2 Clonan.

Whether the flight line is chock-full of aircraft in the midst of a contingency operation or fairly light on spaces filled, NSA Souda Bay can be sure that our T-Line personnel stand at the ready to handle any task that hits the deck, in turn, living up to the statement as the 'heartbeat of Souda Bay'.



Souda Bay hosts Petty Officer Indoc

Congratulations to all those advanced!



CS1(SW) Rafael Martinez offers newly advanced first class petty officers advice on what to expect in their new leadership roles in the Navy and how to become a great mentor.

MA1(AW) Joseph Blair advises newly advanced second class petty officers on how to offer conflict resolution, how to assist junior Sailors in their career development and how to be better leaders with their new role in the Navy.



MA1(AW) Joseph Blair and MA1 Rex Boblett lead the indoctrination class for the newly advanced third class petty officers. MA1 Blair and MA1 Boblett offered sound advice on what to expect as a US Navy Petty Officer and how to step into their new leadership roles.

VIP Visit

Rear Admiral John C. Scorby, Jr. greets CMDCM Todd Prayner, Souda Bay Command Master Chief, upon arrival to NSA Souda Bay (left) and meets LT Chris White, Port Services Officer, prior to a scheduled meeting.



Noteworthy Events

T-Line personnel on the job over the last two months.



NSA Souda Bay Operations Department gathers for a group photo on the flight line. (Dec. 2013)



AFN Souda Bay goes on air at the post office during the height of the holiday mail season.



Airmen from Det. 1/ 95th RS deliver donated holiday gifts to the Agios Nektarios Girls Care Center.



Noteworthy Events

NSA Souda Bay personnel participate in a painting community relations project at Young Citizens of the World community library in Chania



Souda Bay Sailors gather together to perform Christmas Carols outside the coffee shop during an MWR sponsored visit from Santa Claus.



NAVSUP FLCS Commanding Officer, CAPT Kevin Jones, holds an 'all hands' call for Souda Bay's Supply Dept where he discussed NAVSUP's results from the recent command climate survey. After the 'All Hands' call, the Supply department personnel gathered for a group photo with their Commanding Officer, far left, in front of building 5.



AFN 360 Launches with the MC2 Margie Rodriguez interviewing NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson (left) and Executive Officer, CDR Demetrios Grimes. AFN 360 is a comprehensive media application for computer, phone and tablet devices which allow the user to stream AFN radio from AFN stations in Europe, 24 hours a day.



Noteworthy Events

NAVSUP FLCS Commanding Officer ,CAPT Kevin Jones, frocks LS1 Mike Nguyen.



PS2 Carl Blanchard congratulates PS3 Israel Martinez on his advancement.



YN1 Charles Harmon congratulates BU2 Donald Kohler on his Navy Achievement Medal.



Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson, congratulates MA3 Paul Schooley (left) and MA2 Stepfon Sanders on their advancements. (Photos provided by Security Department)



ENS Alexander Bates, NSA Security Officer, congratulates MA3 Timothy Bridgeman on reenlisting.



ABHC Harold Rodriguez congratulates ABH2 Landon Jamison and ABH2 Jacquelyn Booker on reenlisting.



December Awards Quarters



Row 1 - left to right: Mr. Byron Gale, ACAN Chantell Morgan, MASN Neah Haugdahl, CMDCM Todd Prayner, MA2 Marc Palumbo, MA1 Patrick Kelly and MC2 Margie Rodriguez. Row 2 - left to right: MA2 Patrick Bull, MA1 Quentin Saunders, MA2 Arthur Bernier, CDR Demetries Grimes, CAPT James Gibson, MA3 Alexander Tamarak, MA3 Jonathan Orallo, MA3 Randy Valdez and MA2 Vladimir Leal. Congratulations on a job well done.

Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM)

MC2 Margie Rodriguez

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)

MA1 Quentin Saunders
MA2 Arthur Bernier
MA2 Patrick Bull
MA2 Thuyvy Hulett
MA2 Marc Palumbo
ACAN Chantell Morgan

Letter of Commendation (LOC)

MA1 Patrick Kelly
MA2 Vladimir Leal
MA3 Jonathan Orallo
MA3 Alexander Tamarak
MA3 Randy Valdez
MASN Neah Haugdahl

Letter of Appreciation (LOA)

Mr. Byron Gale

New Second Class Petty Officers



Congratulations on advancing to:
MA2 Shaun Beasley, ABH2 Jacquelyn Booker,
MA2 Dylan Donahoo, MA2 Colton Jones,
MA2 Danalyn Kimball, MC2 Margie Rodriguez,
IT2 Garrett Sebbens, MM2 Jamie Spencer, MA2 James Summey, ABH2 Bao Vu and AS2 Justin Wilder.

New Third Class Petty Officers



Congratulations on advancing to:
IT3 Jayson Alvares, MA3 Tyler Erwin, MA3 Martin Flores,
MA3 Travis Hartman, MA3 Brandon Hastings,
MA3 Henry Heape, MA3 Kara Norris, MA3 Alex Serpico,
MA3 Matthew Steele and IT3 Alyssa Wilcox.

January Awards Quarters



Row 1 - left to right:: IC3 Jessica Berry, LS2 Gemeniano Portillo, MA3 Roderick Payne, CMDCM Todd Prayner, ABH1 Yuriy Amromin, MA1 Claudia Burnett, IT3 Alyssa Wilcox and IT3 Jayson Alvarez. Row 2 - left to right: MA3 Brett Stoltenberg, BU3 Caleb Walters, MA1 Rex Boblett, CAPT James Gibson, CDR Demetries Grimes, ABH1 Jason Osbeck, MM3 Samuel Duodo and MA3 Nicholas Ewer. Congratulations on a job well done.

Navy Commendation Medal (NCM)

MA1 Rex Boblett

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)

ABH1 Yuriy Amromin
MA1 Claudia Burnett
MA3 Roderick Payne

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM)

ABH1 Jason Osbeck

Letter of Commendation (LOC)

MA3 Brett Stoltenberg

Letter of Appreciation (LOA)

ABH1 Jason Osbeck MA3 Nicholas Ewer IC3 Jessica Berry IT3 Alyssa Wilcox
IT3 Jayson Alvarez BU3 Caleb Walters LS2 Gemeniano Portillo

Frocking

MM3 Samuel Duodo

Air Operations Departmental Quarters



ABHC Harold Rodriguez addresses Air Ops personnel during departmental quarters on 11 December.



ABHC Harold Rodriguez and AC1 Julio Lamar, Ops department LCPO and LPO respectively, brief Sailors on the plan of the week details.

Welcome Aboard



**Indoc class
for the week of
2 December 2013**

**Indoc class
for the week of
16 December 2013**



**Indoc class
for the week of
13 January 2014**



**Indoc class
for the week of
27 January 2014**





2013 Command Holiday Party



Harlem Globetrotters Showcase Skills at Souda Bay



Harlem Globetrotters' "Thunder" Law, left, and "Hacksaw" Hall present CAPT James Gibson, Souda Bay Commanding Officer, and CDR Demetries Grimes, Souda Bay Executive Officer, with an autographed basketball prior to the start of the exhibition game.

Story and photos by: Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

(Dec. 15, 2013) In a packed gymnasium on a Sunday evening, Navy and Armed Forces Entertainment brought the consummate American family entertainment basketball team, the Harlem Globetrotters, with their exceptional athleticism and comedy routine, to Naval Support Activity Souda Bay as part of their 2013 Military Tour to entertain the troops across Europe.

With high-flying slam dunks and mad ball handling skills to that famous tune, "Sweet Georgia Brown," the Globetrot-

ters kept the audience captivated from the moment the first high-top sneaker hit the court until the final buzzer sounded with a triumphant 102-82 win over the International Elite, their traveling opponent.

Sailors, kids and civilians were invited onto the court at various intermissions throughout the evening as part of the in-game entertainment displayed by the show boaters. From dancing to the YMCA or playing musical chairs with Globie, the Globetrotter mascot, the comedic hoopsters kept the interest of all age groups in attendance.

Immediately after the game, the Globetrotters signed autographs and struck a smile while posing for pictures with fans.

The Harlem Globetrotters play exhibition games all over the world and at any given time, have up to three travelling teams playing across the globe. They have played in over 115 countries for more than 120 million fans and have garnered over 20,000 victories compared to a minimal loss record of just over 300. According to their website, the Globetrotters listed their Military Tour as one of the top 13 highlights of 2013.



"Hacksaw" Hall gets some hang time while slam dunking the ball during the Globetrotters game.



"Hammer" Harrison performs a pre-game stunt by tossing 2 basketballs into the air and catching them on his back.

Globetrotters Antics Entertain Souda Community



Globie enlists the help of four Sailors to assist him in building a 'human table' during the pre-game festivities. This trick is performed at nearly all Globetrotter games.



'Slick' Willie Shaw, a Globetrotter Military Tour veteran, helps Harissa Sakallaris spin a ball on her finger. Harissa is the daughter of Clay Sakallaris, a Doss Fuels employee, and Niki Tsochlaraki, a Navy Exchange employee.



Saul 'Flip' White lives up to his name by performing his signature gymnastics move during a break in action.



MA1 Tim Plemmons escorts Globie, the Harlem Globetrotters mascot, off the court after Globie was caught cheating during a game of musical chairs with children.

MWR Happenings

5K Turkey Trot and Jingle Bell 5K



NMIOTC 7K and Lose the Holiday Pounds 5K



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 5K

